

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT

• Mr. DODD. Mr. President. I rise today to pay tribute to the town of Seymour, nestled in the Lower Naugatuck Valley of Connecticut. Located in New Haven County with the Lower Housatonic River nearby, Seymour offers its residents a wide variety of recreational activities, history, industry, and a strong sense of community with an emphasis on education. Seymour was formally founded on June 24, 1850, when the town's council held its first meeting. I rise today to congratulate Seymour on its Sesquicentennial anniversary, 150 years as a town, and to reflect for just a few moments on the rich history of this town.

The Naugatuck Valley increased in importance during the early 1800s because of its valuable natural resources and industrial growth. Due to different manufacturing concerns and the desire to separate and become their own community, the town of Seymour, then called Humphreysville, petitioned the state legislature to become the town of "Richmond." Thomas H. Seymour, who was the Governor of the state of Connecticut, promised the people that if the town was named in his honor, the bill would be accepted immediately. Evidently, the good people of the town agreed, for shortly thereafter the town of Seymour was formally constituted.

Throughout the years, companies have prospered and grown in Seymour, paralleled by the development and expansion of the town itself. The H.P. & E. Day Company began in Seymour in 1865, and has developed into the Waterman Pen Company of France, producers of some of the world's finest fountain pens. Telegraph cables that could be placed underwater were developed by Austin Goodyear Day in Seymour in the mid-nineteenth century, and continue to be produced by the Kerite Company, presently located on Day Street. With the vital shipping lanes of the Housatonic River, as well as the region's railroads and factories, Seymour flourished throughout the late nineteenth century, and within the town a broad range of products—from copper to paper to bottled spring water—was produced. Outside of the industrial diversity of Seymour, one is immediately aware of the natural beauty of the area. Not only is the Housatonic River one of New England's greatest assets, but it also provides recreational activities such as canoeing and fishing for local residents.

I have had the pleasure of visiting the town of Seymour on many occasions, and am always impressed with the natural beauty and spectacular resourcefulness of the residents. One thing that has lingered in my mind from past visits is the strong sense of community, and the emphasis on the importance of education. Seymour offers residents an abundance of entertainment and activities through the Seymour Recreation Commission, a

strong police force led by Police Chief Michael E. Metzler, the Seymour Senior Center, cultural and performing arts events through the Seymour Culture and Arts Commission, and celebrations of important national holidays such as Memorial Day through local events and parades. In the realm of education, Superintendent Eugene A. Coppola has continued to uphold the fine reputation of local schools, which have seen recent increases in test scores, state-of-the-art expansion of Bungay Elementary School, the strengthening of the core curriculum, and a majority of students participating in extracurricular activities. One of the most important facets of the school system in Seymour is the DARE program, instilling in students the importance of remaining drug-free.

Seymour in the year 2000 is in many respects a great American town. It is a place where businesses can prosper, where families can thrive, and where a sense of community permeates everyday life. In recognizing this important anniversary in the life of the town, we pay homage to all those who have in the past contributed to making Seymour the outstanding place it is today. And we congratulate those current residents who pause on this occasion not only to remember the past, but who dedicate themselves to the future success and vitality of this remarkable town they call home. •

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:40 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4577. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following joint resolution was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated on June 14, 2000:

H.J. Res. 101. An act recognizing the 225th birthday of the United States Army; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated on June 14, 2000:

H. Con. Res. 266. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the benefits of music education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-9218. A communication from the Executive Director of Government Affairs, Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of financial statements for calendar years 1998 and 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-9219. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on federal government energy management and conservation programs, fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9220. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Deposition of Air Pollutants to the Great Waters"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9221. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the notice of establishing and adjusting schedules of compensation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9222. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the audited fiscal years 1998 and 1999 financial statements of the U.S. Mint; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9223. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Review of the Financial and Administrative Activities of the Taxicab Assessment Fund for Fiscal Years 1997, 1998, and 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9224. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Status of the Washington Convention Center Authority's Implementation of D.C. Auditor Recommendations"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9225. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on birth defects and developmental disabilities programs at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9226. A communication from the Chairman of the President's Committee On Employment of People With Disabilities, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Programs That Work Producing People at Work"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9227. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on improvements to claims processing under the Tricare Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9228. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Multi-Year Program Plan for fiscal year 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9229. A communication from the Commissioner of Social Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9230. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9231. A communication from the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through

March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9232. A communication from the Federal Co-Chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9233. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9234. A communication from the Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9235. A communication from the Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9236. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Agency For International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9237. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 11: A bill for the relief of Wei Jingsheng.

S. 150: A bill to the relief of Marina Khalina and her son, Albert Mifakhov.

S. 451: A bill for the relief of Saeed Rezaei.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1078: A bill for the relief of Mrs. Elizabeth Eka Bassey and her children, Emmanuel O. Paul Bassey, Jacob Paul Bassey, and Mary Idongesit Paul Bassey.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 1513: A bill for the relief of Jacqueline Salinas and her children Gabriela Salinas, Alejandro Salinas, and Omar Salinas.

S. 2019: A bill for the relief of Malia Miller.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. McCAIN for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Delmond J.H. Won, of Hawaii, to be a Federal Maritime Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2002.

J. Randolph Babbitt, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of three years.

Robert W. Baker, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of three years.

Geoffrey T. Crowley, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Manage-

ment Advisory Council for a term of two years.

Robert A. Davis, of Washington, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of two years.

Kendall W. Wilson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of one year.

Edward M. Bolen, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of two years.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, I report favorably nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS of the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Coast Guard nominations beginning Jeffrey D. Kotson and ending Kimberly Orr, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 25, 2000.

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Julio F. Mercado, of Texas, to be Deputy Administrator of Drug Enforcement.

Beverly B. Martin, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Jay A. Garcia-Gregory, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

James L. Whigham, of Illinois, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois for the term of four years.

Laura Taylor Swain, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Daniel G. Webber, Jr., of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Russell John Qualliotine, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York for the term of four years.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. GRAMM:

S. 2732. A bill to ensure that all States participating in the National Boll Weevil Eradication Program are treated equitably; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. SARBANES):

S. 2733. A bill to provide for the preservation of assisted housing for low income elderly persons, disabled persons, and other fami-

lies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. FITZGERALD:

S. 2734. A bill to amend the United States Warehouse Act to authorize the issuance of electronic warehouse receipts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. KERREY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 2735. A bill to promote access to health care services in rural areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 2736. A bill to provide compensation for victims of the fire initiated by the National Park Service at Bandelier National Monument, New Mexico; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 2737. A bill to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to extend the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to collect fees, extend the authorization of appropriations, and improve the administration of that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. FRIST, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 2738. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reduce medical mistakes and medication-related errors; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. HELMS, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. ROTH, Mr. THURMOND, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2739. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to provide for the issuance of a semipostal stamp in order to afford the public a convenient way to contribute to funding for the establishment of the World War II Memorial; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2740. A bill to provide for the establishment of Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) that will allow individuals and families with limited means an opportunity to accumulate assets, to access education, to own their own homes and businesses, and ultimately to achieve economic self-sufficiency, and to increase the limit on deductible IRA contributions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERREY, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 2741. A bill to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 to extend the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to provide grants for State mediation programs dealing with agricultural issues, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SMITH of Oregon (for himself, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BURNS, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. GORTON, Mr. HUTCHISON, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HELMS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MACK, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2742. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase disclosure for certain political organizations exempt from tax under section 527 and section 501(c), and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mrs. MURRAY):